

Suffield Board of Education  
Student Programs & Services Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.  
Central Office Conference Room

Present: Lori D'Ostuni, Michelle Zawawi, Scott Schneider, Jeanne Gee, Mary Lou Sanborn, Jim Collin, Karen Baldwin

Call to Order: 5:36 p.m.

I. Draft K-12 Conceptual Units – Social Studies and Science

**Overview:** Dr. Baldwin and Dr. Collin presented the Next Generation in Science Standards (NGSS) and the C3 framework for social studies state standards. These standards extend content and skills for students and the standards align with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, such as communication, collaboration, and critical thinking.

**Questions:** Where are teachers with engaging with these new standards in science and social studies? What is the ideal science learning experience for Suffield students?

**Actions:**

1. Data - examine cohort graduation data and college persistence rates
2. Percentage of Suffield graduates who end up in remedial coursework in college
3. Endorse curriculum content and skills
4. Timeline overview for K-12 science and social studies

II. Examination of Other Districts for Curriculum Approval at the Board Level

**Overview:** The administration distributed other districts' curriculum approval policies for the committee to review and discuss at the next meeting. The committee discussed the fluid nature of the curriculum development process in the district and a desire to revise the policy to reflect the dynamic nature of the process.

**Actions:**

1. Draft our own attempt at policy
2. Instructional material procedures – challenge policy
3. Simsbury curriculum

III. Future Agenda Planning

**Overview:** Workshop Model of Instruction

Meeting adjourned: 7:43 p.m.